IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to have the status and content indicated in the following listing of claims, wherein any cancellation of claims is made *without prejudice:*

1. (cancelled)

2. (previously presented) Installation according to claim 29, wherein the processor is equipped to:

- calculate, in step (d), a cumulative inflation cover value CAP_i for the coupon value CV from a start year to year i;
- calculate, in step (e), a cumulative cash value P_i of the cumulative inflation cover value CAP_i for the coupon value CV from the start year to year i;
- present to the user, in step (f), the purchase price at which the cumulative inflation cover value CAP_i for the coupon value CV can be purchased.

3. (previously presented) Installation according to claim 2, wherein the processor is equipped to:

- calculate a future index I_x in a year x as follows:

$$I_x = \prod_{i=1}^{x} (1 + \inf_i)$$

- calculate the cumulative inflation cover value CAP_x in year x as follows: and

$$CAP_x = CV.\sum_{i=1}^{x} (I_i - 1)$$

- calculate the cumulative cash value P_x in year x as follows:

$$P_x = CV.\sum_{i=1}^{x} \frac{(I_i - 1)}{(1 + \text{int}_i)^i}$$

4. (previously presented) Installation according to Claim 26, wherein the coupon value relates to an income-producing real property and calculation of the purchase price also takes account of at least one of the following parameters: risk of property standing empty and expected inflation elsewhere.

5. (previously presented) Installation according to Claim 29, wherein the future index data are determined on the basis of at least one price index total from the following series:

- all households;
- all households derived;
- employees, low;
- employees, low derived;
- employees, high;
- employees, high derived.

6. (previously presented) Installation according to Claim 26, wherein the purchase price is offered to the user in the form of an inflation coupon providing cover against inflation in at least one of the following regions: Europe, the UK, the USA and Japan.

7. (previously presented) Installation according to Claim 26, wherein the currency of the coupon value for a territory provides cover against inflation in that territory.

8. (previously presented) Installation according to Claim 26, wherein the currency of the coupon value for a territory provides cover against inflation in another territory.

9. (previously presented) Installation according to Claim 26, wherein data relating to at least one of the following categories are stored in the at least one memory:

- user profiles;
- outstanding purchase orders and orders for sale;
- active orders;
- log of purchase orders, orders for sale and lapsed orders;
- log of user activities.

10. (previously presented) Installation according to Claim 26, wherein the computer installation can communicate with other computer devices via a telecommunications system.

11. (previously presented) Installation according to claim 10, wherein the telecommunication system is the Internet.

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) Method according to claim 32 comprising the following steps:
- calculation, in step (d), of a cumulative inflation cover value CAP_i for the coupon value CV from the start year to year i;
- calculation, in step (e), of a cumulative cash value P_i of the cumulative inflation cover value CAP_i for the coupon value CV from the start year to year i;
- presentation to the user, in step (f), of the purchase price at which the cumulative inflation cover value CAP_i for the coupon value CV can be purchased.

14. (previously presented) Method according to claim 32, comprising the following steps:
- calculation of a future index I_x in a year x as follows:

$$I_x = \prod_{i=1}^{x} (1 + \inf_i)$$

- calculation of the cumulative inflation cover value CAP_x in year x as follows:

$$CAP_x = CV \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{x} (I_i - 1)$$

- calculation of the cumulative cash value P_x in year x as follows:

$$P_x = CV \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{x} \frac{(I_i - 1)}{(1 + \text{int}_i)^i}$$

15. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 30 wherein calculation of the purchase price also takes account of at least one of the following parameters: risk of property standing empty and expected inflation elsewhere.

16. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 30 wherein the future index data are determined on the basis of at least one price index total selected from the following series:
- all households;

- all households derived;
- employees, low;
- employees, low derived;
- employees, high;
- employees, high derived.

17. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 30 comprising offering the purchase price to the user in the form of an inflation coupon providing cover against inflation in at least one of the following regions: Europe, the UK, the USA and Japan.

18. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 30 wherein the currency of the coupon value for a territory provides cover against inflation in that territory.

19. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 30 wherein the currency of the coupon value for a territory provides cover against inflation in another territory.

20. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 30 wherein data relating to at least one of the following categories are stored in the at least one memory:

- user profiles;
- outstanding purchase orders and orders for sale;
- active orders;
- log of purchase orders, orders for sale and lapsed orders;
- log of user activities.

21. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 30 wherein the computer installation can communicate with other computer devices via a telecommunications system.

22. (previously presented) Method according to Claim 30 wherein the telecommunications system is the Internet.

23. (previously presented) Computer program product that can be loaded on a computer installation for supporting a financial transaction, which computer installation comprises at least one memory and a processor connected with the at least one memory and which processor can perform the following steps after the computer program product has been loaded on the computer installation:

a) storage of future index data I_i, where i = 1, 2, ..., x, ..., in the at least one memory, each future index I_i being defined as the anticipated factor by which, in a year i, goods will have become more expensive as a consequence of inflation, compared with a predetermined start year;

b) storage of future interest rates int_i, where i = 1, 2, ..., x, ..., in the at least one memory, each interest rate int_i being defined as the interest to be anticipated in year i;

c) receipt of a desired coupon value CV from a user, said coupon value being a value of money, for which a user wants to be covered against future inflation;

d) calculation of at least one future annual inflation value inf_i, where i = 1, 2, ..., x,..., for the coupon value CV in year i making use of the coupon value CV and of the future index data I_i;

e) calculation of a cash value of the at least one future annual inflation value inf_i for the coupon value CV in year i making use of the coupon value CV, the future index data I_i and the interest rates int_i;

f) presentation of a purchase price to the user at which the at least one future annual inflation value inf_i for the coupon value CV, or a portion thereof, can be purchased; and

g) the program enables the processor to track trading in the at least one future annual inflation value;

wherein the at least one future annual inflation value comprises an asset.

24. (previously presented) Data carrier provided with a computer program product according to claim 23.

25. (cancelled)

26. (previously presented) A computerized installation for supporting a financial transaction, the installation comprising at least one memory, a program stored in the at least one memory and a processor connected to the at least one memory, the processor being capable of performing the following steps under the control of the program:

a) storage of estimated future inflation data, optionally future inflation index data, in the at least one memory;
b) storage of estimated future interest rate data;
c) receiving from a user a coupon value to be covered against future inflation;
d) employing the coupon value and the estimated future inflation data to calculate at least one future inflation-related adjustment of the coupon value for a future year;
e) employing the coupon value, the future inflation data and the estimated future interest rate data to calculate a current cash value of the at least one future inflation-related adjustment of the coupon value; and
f) presentation to the user of the computerized installation of a purchase price derived from the current cash value for purchasing the at least one future inflation-related adjustment of the coupon value or of a portion of the coupon value.

27. (previously presented) A computer installation according to claim 26 wherein the program enables the processor to track the sale to a purchaser of the inflation-related coupon value adjustment for the derived purchase price.

28. (previously presented) A computer installation according to claim 26 wherein the inflation-related coupon value adjustment comprises an asset, the inflation-related coupon value adjustment is tradable and the program enables the processor to track trading in the inflation-related coupon value adjustment.

29. (previously presented) A computer installation according to claim 26 wherein:

i) the estimated future inflation data are representable as future inflation index data I_i, where $i = 1, 2, \ldots, x, \ldots$, each future index I_i are defined as the anticipated factor by which, in a year i, products will have become more expensive as a consequence of inflation, compared with a predetermined start year;

ii) the future interest rate data are representable as int_i, where i = 1, 2, ..., x, ..., in the at least one memory, each interest rate int_i being defined as the interest to be anticipated in year i;

iii) the coupon is representable as CV;

iv) the future annual inflation-related adjustment is representable as inf_i, where i = 1, 2, ..., x,..., and is calculated for the coupon value CV in year I; and

v) the calculated cash value of the future annual inflation-related adjustment inf_i is calculated for the coupon value CV in year i employing the coupon value CV, the future index data I_i and the interest rates int_i.

30. (previously presented) A method for supporting a financial transaction employing a computerized installation comprising at least one memory, a program stored in the at least one memory and a processor connected to the at least one memory, the method comprising performing the following steps on the computerized installation:

a) storage of estimated future inflation data, optionally future inflation index data, in the at least one memory;

b) storage of estimated future interest rate data;

c) receiving from a user a coupon value to be covered against future inflation;

d) employing the coupon value and the estimated future inflation data to calculate at least one future inflation-related adjustment of the coupon value or a portion of the coupon value for a future year wherein said inflation-related adjustment provides inflation cover for the coupon value;

e) employing the coupon value, the future inflation data and the estimated future interest rate data to calculate a current cash value of the inflation cover; and

f) presentation to the user of a purchase price derived from the current cash value for purchasing the inflation cover or;

wherein the inflation cover comprises an asset and the method further comprises trading in the inflation cover.

31. (previously presented) A method of conducting a financial transaction supported by a method according to claim 30 comprising selling the inflation-related adjustment to a purchaser at the derived purchase price.

32. (previously presented) A method according to claim 30 wherein:

i) the estimated future inflation data are representable as future inflation index data I_i, where i = 1, 2, ..., x, ..., each future index I_i are defined as the anticipated factor by which, in a year i, products will have become more expensive as a consequence of inflation, compared with a predetermined start year;

ii) the future interest rate data are representable as int_i, where i = 1, 2, ..., x, ..., in the at least one memory, each interest rate int_i being defined as the interest to be anticipated in year i;

iii) the coupon is representable as CV;

iv) the future annual inflation-related adjustment is representable as inf_i, where i = 1, 2, ..., x,..., and is calculated for the coupon value CV in year I; and

v) the calculated cash value of the future annual inflation-related adjustment inf_i is calculated for the coupon value CV in year i employing the coupon value CV, the future index data I_i and the interest rates int_i.